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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2007

Mr. Higgins (for himself and Ms. Kaptur) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
- 5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
- 6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
- 7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
- 8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
- 9 for ratification:

1	"ARTICLE —
2	"Section 1. Congress shall have power to regulate
3	the raising and spending of money, including through set-
4	ting limits, for campaigns for nomination for election to,
5	or for election to, Federal office.
6	"Section 2. A State shall have power to regulate the
7	raising and spending of money, including through setting
8	limits, for—
9	"(1) State or local ballot initiatives, referenda,
10	plebiscites, or other similar ballot measures; and
11	"(2) campaigns for nomination for election to,
12	or for election to, State or local office.
13	"Section 3. Congress shall have power to implement
14	and enforce this article by appropriate legislation.".

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